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25 November 1959

MEMORANDUM FOR: Acting Chief, DPD-DD/P

SUBJECT: Weather Research

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1. Except for the two stages [ ] there have been no Headquarters directed weather missions since April, 1959.

2. Failure of the equipment to perform as designed, and the lack of contractors to reduce the data and produce articles of scientific interest were primary reasons for the period of inactivity.

3. There has been marked improvement in the operation of all elements of the weather package as evidenced by the recent successful staging operation [ ]. This is due to the visits of the General Precision Laboratory representatives to [ ] and to a much improved supply setup. It is anticipated that the maintenance of the weather package which had been good will be even better with the arrival [ ] of technicians fully trained in the maintenance of [ ] which is one of the most important elements of the package.

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4. \$50,000 of CIA funds has been spent to provide the data reduction and production of scientific publications. [ ]

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5. It is felt that the high altitude weather research program should be resumed as soon as possible.

6. It is suggested that a meeting of the various people and departments interested in the CHALICE weather research program be set up for 7 December 1959.

7. Several of the personnel who should be invited to attend have indicated keen interest in such a meeting.

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8. The following personnel all having CHALICE Phase III clearance are suggested as participants: Colonel Beerli, [ ]

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9. Request your comments/recommendations concerning DPD convening a conference in Washington, D. C. Meeting place will be one of the DPD conference rooms. Personnel have indicated the expense will be assumed by individual agencies represented.

**SIGNED**

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